FOREWORD

This Summary of the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) contains revisions and changes from the Draft PEIS Summary in response to comments, and information regarding the Department's Preferred Alternative. The Draft PEIS Summary has also been reorganized to provide a clear description of the environmental impacts of the Preferred Alternative and the comparison of storage and disposition alternatives including the Preferred Alternative.

The bar charts used in the Draft PEIS Summary to show impacts of various resources have been removed and replaced with narrative descriptions including pertinent data. New sections have been added to present the environmental impacts and cumulative impacts of the Preferred Alternative. Finally, a summary of major issues identified during the comment period and changes to the Draft PEIS is provided. Changes to the Draft PEIS Summary are denoted by sidebars (vertical lines adjacent to the text) in this Final PEIS Summary to facilitate review by the reader.